## STATE OF MAINE

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

Docket No. Bar-04-9

IN RE CAROLEE T. HOWES, ESQ. of Portland, Maine (Deceased)

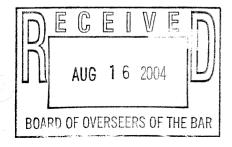
**ORDER** 

It is hereby ORDERED that the above-named matter arising under the Maine Bar Rules be assigned to Justice Donald G. Alexander.

Dated: August 13, 2004

Leigh I. Saufley

Chief Justice



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The Court is advised that attorney Carolee T. Howes, Bar Number 8142, has died. The Court is also advised and finds that Ms. Howes was a sole practitioner and that no partner, associate or other person capable of conducting the attorney's affairs and continuing client representation in pending cases is known to exist. The Court is further advised and finds that Ms. Howes has a number of active files representing clients in child protective cases pending in the Maine District Court. Therefore, pursuant to M. Bar. R. 7.3(f)(1), court supervision and appointment of an attorney or attorneys is necessary to protect the interests of clients and the interests of the deceased attorney. The attorney or attorneys so appointed shall review and make an inventory of the files of the deceased attorney and take such other appropriate action as may be necessary to protect the interest of clients and the deceased attorney.

The files pending in the Portland District Court in which Ms. Howes may have been representing one or more clients or interests include, but may not be limited to,

POR-96-PC-3 8	POR-99-PC-84	POR-02-PC-10
POR-96-PC-67	POR-02-PC-91	POR-02-PC-18
POR-97-PC-124	POR-02-PC-113	POR-02-PC-42
POR-00-PC-53	POR-00-PC-72	POR-02-PC-57
POR-00-PC-66	POR-00-PC-73	POR-02-PC-88
POR-00-PC-71	POR-02-PC-41	POR-02-PC-122
POR-92-PC-66	POR-93-PC-70	POR-03-PC-03
POR-99-PC-82	POR-98-PC-07	POR-03-PC-08
POR-97-PC-01	POR-98-PC-107	POR-03-PC-13
POR-98-PC-21	POR-00-PC-35	POR-03-PC-37
POR-99-PC-86	POR-00-PC-52	POR-03-PC-47
POR-00-PC-31	POR-01-PC-65	POR-03-PC-51
POR-00-PC-40	POR-01-PC-81	POR-03-PC-74
POR-00-PC-53	POR-04-PC-25	POR-03-PC-80
POR-00-PC-87	POR-02-PC-91	POR-03-PC-81
POR-01-PC-25	POR-03-PC-40	POR-03-PC-82
POR-04-PC-20	POR-04-PC-23	POR-04-PC-38
POR-04-PC-62	POR-02-PC-66	POR-02-PC-113
POR-03-PC-34	POR-89-PC-03	POR-03-PC-50
POR-04-PC-04	POR-00-PC-34	

There may be cases in which Ms. Howes was providing representation pending in other courts.

Because Ms. Howes had an active child protective practice in the District Court, the interests of justice and the protection of clients and the deceased attorney's interests would be best served if an attorney or attorneys to act pursuant to M. Bar. R. 7.3(f)(1) were appointed by a judge of the Maine District Court, who can provide continuing supervision, subject to the approval of this Court. Any attorney so appointed shall be subject to the obligations of M. Bar. R. 7.3(f)(2).

Therefore, Judge Jane S. Bradley of the Maine District Court is delegated authority to appoint an attorney or attorneys to inventory the professional files of attorney Carolee T. Howes and take such other action as may be necessary to protect the interests of clients and the deceased attorney.

The attorney or attorneys so appointed, who shall signify acceptance of their appointment in writing shall, (1) secure Ms. Howes' professional files; (2) make an inventory of such files; (3) take such further and appropriate action as may be necessary to protect the interest of Ms. Howes' clients including but not limited to contacting such clients to inform them of the need to obtain new counsel, make referrals to new counsel in the appropriate cases or assist indigent clients and the court in securing appointment of new counsel; (4) send bills, cause payments for office expenses to be made and forward receipts to Ms. Howes' personal representative (to be appointed by the Probate Court); (5) be reimbursed for reasonable expenses and compensated for such services in connection therewith as ordered by the District Court; and (6) advise this Court, the District Court, and Bar Counsel when the purposes of this appointment appear to have been completed.

Dated: 4-17-04

Donald G. Alexander

Maine Supreme Judicial Court